



HOLLISTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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Two Arrested in Armed Robbery Attempt

HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA – *October 06, 2010* – Hollister police officers have arrested two males following an attempted armed robbery at a restaurant.

On October 05, 2010, at about 8:20 p.m., Hollister police officers were dispatched to 401-A McCray Street (El Epazote Taqueria) on a report of an attempted armed robbery with a shotgun. A single gunman reportedly entered the business and demanded money from the owner of the business. The owner of the business pointed out to the suspect that he was being captured on video surveillance. The gunman quickly fled without getting any money.

Witnesses observed the suspect run around the west side of the business complex, and then run eastbound between Subway and Penguins Carwash. Another witness also observed a suspicious white pickup leaving the area in the same direction just after incident.

Officers searching the area found a loaded .22 caliber pistol-gripped rifle discarded behind Subway. Also found nearby was discarded clothing believed to belong to the suspect.

A San Benito County sheriff's deputy, assisting with the search for suspects, found a white pickup truck matching the earlier witness's description. Witnesses and other evidence eventually led to the identification of the truck's passenger, a 16-year-old male, as the gunman. He was arrested and booked into the San Benito County Juvenile Hall for attempted armed robbery, using a firearm in the commission of a felony, and committing a crime for the benefit of a criminal street gang.

The driver of the truck, 30-year-old Jacob Taylor of Hollister, was also arrested for being an accessory and for conspiracy to commit armed robbery. He was booked into the San Benito County Jail.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information regarding this incident is requested to contact Detective Theresa Aguilera at 636-4330. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call **WeTip** at **(800) 78-CRIME**. Information provided to WeTip may qualify for a reward.

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